International Student Presence at UC Santa Cruz

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Who are we?

• Anne Butler, Director (for one more day)
• Gina Ippolito, Assistant Director - International Scholar and Student Services
  o Linda Harris - International Student Advisor
  o Brian Childs - International Student Advisor
  o Parinaz Zartoshty - International Scholar Advisor
  o Arielle Freitas - Assistant International Advisor
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What do we do?

• The International Education Office (IEO) supports UCSC's teaching, research and service missions. International Scholar and Student Services (ISSS), a functional area within IEO, provides immigration advising, advocacy, and cultural and academic programming for UCSC's growing global community.
Derek Sivers: Weird or Just Different?
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Overview of UCSC’s International Student Population

~250 Graduate students
~140 Undergraduate
   (~100 new Frosh)
~100 Exchange

Top 3 countries for undergraduate
• China: 79
• South Korea: 14
• Taiwan: 7
How Are They Doing?

Average domestic frosh GPA: 3.0
Average international frosh GPA: 2.9

They’re still here. No frosh left after Fall.
Where have they struggled?

23 students received D, F, or NP in at least one course

Core
• 10 Frosh failed their Core Course

Math 20a - Honors Calculus
• 4 students
Next Year’s Class

Admissions is aiming for just under 40% growth from last year’s class.

Top 3 countries for Frosh applicants:
• China
• South Korea
• India

Focus on following regions: Asia, Middle East, and Latin America
Next Steps

• 10-day mandatory orientation for int’l students
• Summer Start program
• Proposal for the Support of International Student Growth and Campus Globalization
• Advocacy